

# Determinants

$A$   $n \times n$  matrix  $\rightsquigarrow \det A$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad - bc$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} + & - & + \\ a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ - & a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ - & a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{11} (a_{22} a_{33} - a_{32} a_{23}) \\ & - a_{12} (a_{21} a_{33} - a_{23} a_{31}) \\ & + a_{13} (a_{21} a_{32} - a_{22} a_{31}) \end{aligned}$$

↓  
Use  
induction

Thm:  $A$  is invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \det(A) \neq 0$

Pf: Exercise!

# Set Theory

"Natural definition"

A set is a well defined collection of elements.

For example

$\mathbb{N}$ : The set of natural numbers

$\mathbb{Q}$ : \_\_\_\_\_ rational \_\_\_\_\_

$\mathbb{R}$ : \_\_\_\_\_ real \_\_\_\_\_

$\mathbb{C}$ : \_\_\_\_\_ complex \_\_\_\_\_

Set operations :  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \setminus B$

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We do land into a problem here.

Russell's Paradox (1901)

$C = \{ S \mid S \text{ is a set such that } S \notin S \}$

for e.g.  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C} \in C$

Does  $C \in C$ ?

If  $C \notin C$ , then by defn of  $\in$   
 $C \in C$ .

Logical inconsistency

So to fix Russell's paradox, we need  
more axioms in set theory.

Zermelo - Fraenkel Set Theory

0. Empty set axiom  $\emptyset = \{ \}$  is a set

1. Axiom of extensibility

$$A = B \text{ if } \forall x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B \text{ and} \\ \forall x \in B \Rightarrow x \in A$$

2. Power set axiom

if  $A$  is a set,  $P(A)$  (Power set of  $A$ )  
is a set

3. Pairing axiom If  $A, B$  are sets  
then  $\{A, B\}$  is a set

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &:= \emptyset & 2 &:= \{\{\emptyset\}, \{\emptyset\}\} \\ 1 &:= \{\emptyset\} & &= \{\{\emptyset\}\} \\ 3 &:= \{\{\{\emptyset\}\}\} \end{aligned}$$

(Zermelo's construction of natural numbers)

#### 4. Union Axiom

If  $A$  and  $B$  are sets,  $A \cup B$  is a set

$\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$  is a set.

#### 5. Axiom of infinity

Call  $\{x\}$  as  $x+1$

$\exists \text{IN}$  s.t.  $0 \in \text{IN}$  and  $\forall x \in \text{IN}$   
 $x+1 \in \text{IN}$

$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$  Zermelo construction

#### 6. Axiom of restricted comprehension

If  $A$  is a set then you can construct a subset using any rule you like.

Consider  $S = \{ \mathbb{N}, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$

$$T = \{ x \in S \mid x \notin x \} = S$$

Ques: Is  $T \in T$ ? If yes, then  $T \notin T$ .

So, under this axiom we cannot think of  $S$  as a set.

(There is no valid universe containing all the elements of  $S$ .)

## 7. Axiom of regularity

Every non-empty set  $S$  contains a member  $S'$  such that  $S \& S'$  are disjoint sets.

Example:  $S = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \}$

Think of 1 as a set  $1 = \{ 0 \}$   
 $1 \cap S = \emptyset$

8. Axiom schema of replacement  
(Skipping for now)

9. Axiom of choice

We will restate it as Zorn's lemma.

More useful version!

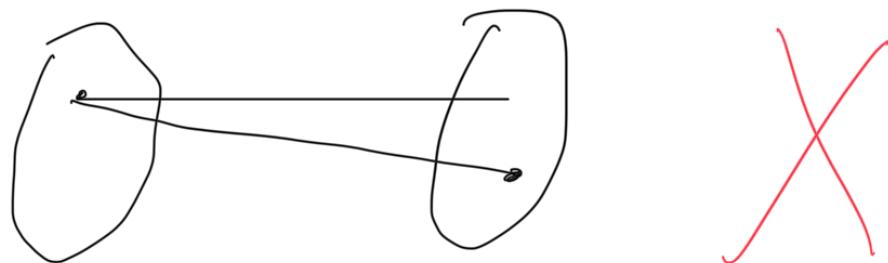
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### Functions

Defn: Let  $A, B$  be sets. A function  $f$  from  $A$  to  $B$  denoted as

$f: A \rightarrow B$  is a set

$\subseteq A \times B$  in which every  $a \in A$  appears as the first component of exactly one ordered pair.



Key words : domain, codomain, range (image),  
injective / one-one, Surjective (onto,  
bijective, Composition

## Permutations of a finite Set

Defn: A permutation  $P$  of a finite set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is a bijective map on  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

We can write every permutation in cycle notation.

Example: 1)  $P: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 \mapsto 2 & 3 \mapsto 4 \\ 2 \mapsto 1 & 4 \mapsto 3 \end{array}$$

$$P = (12)(34)$$

2)  $P: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 \mapsto 2 & 4 \mapsto 4 \\ 2 \mapsto 3 & \\ 3 \mapsto 1 & \end{array}$$

$$P = (123)$$

(Missing points are fixed points.)

- We will call set of all permutations of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  by  $S_n$ .
- It has a natural binary operation associated to it, Composition.

( If  $f, g$  are bijective, then  $f \circ g$  is bijective.)

Ques: Is the converse true?

→ Composition in cycle notation

$$P_1 = (123)$$

$$P_2 = (132)$$

$$P_1 P_2 = (123)(132) = \text{id} = P_2 P_1$$

$$P_1 = (12) \quad P_2 = (123)$$

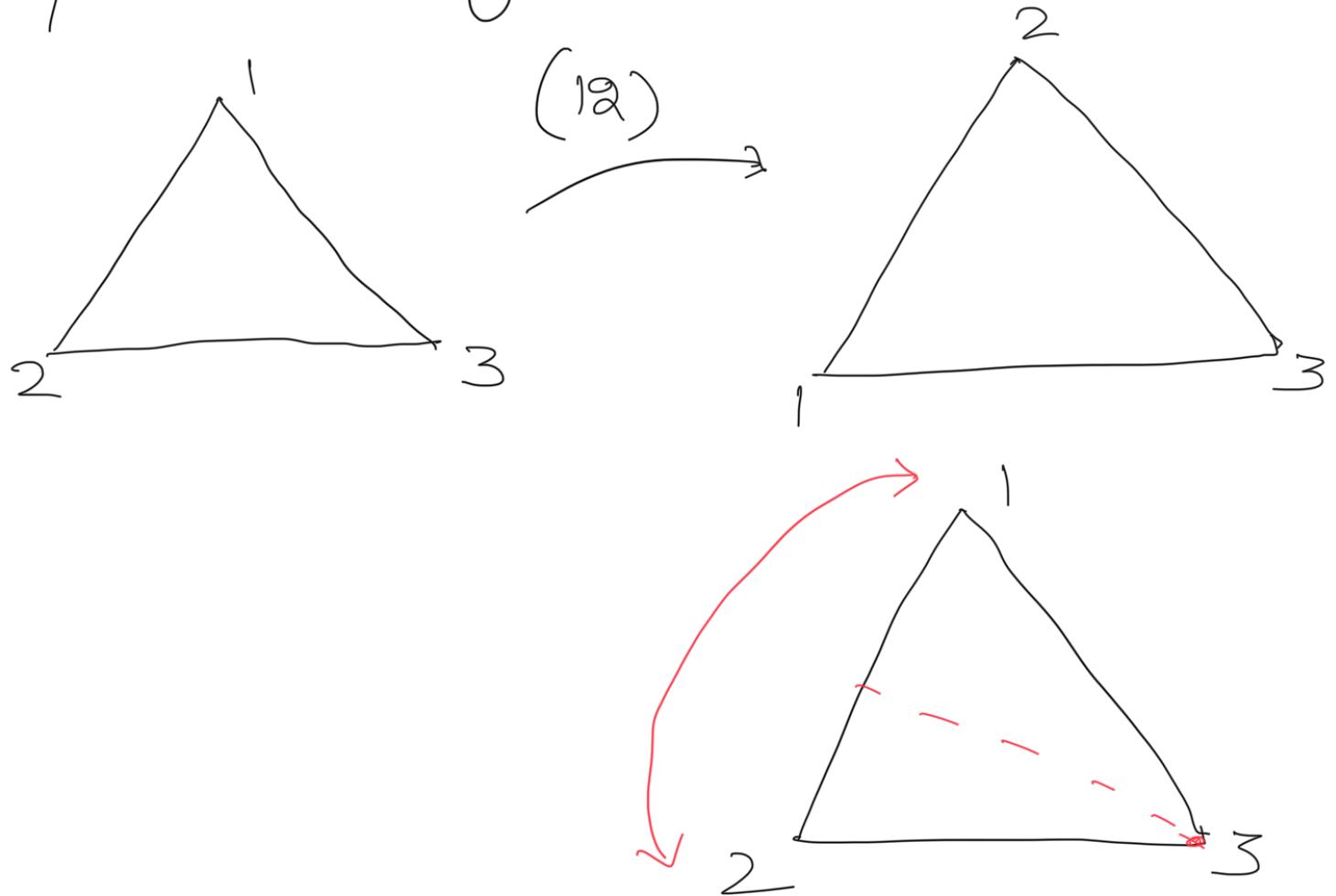
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$$P_2 P_1 = (123)(12) = (13)$$

Revisit       $S_3$

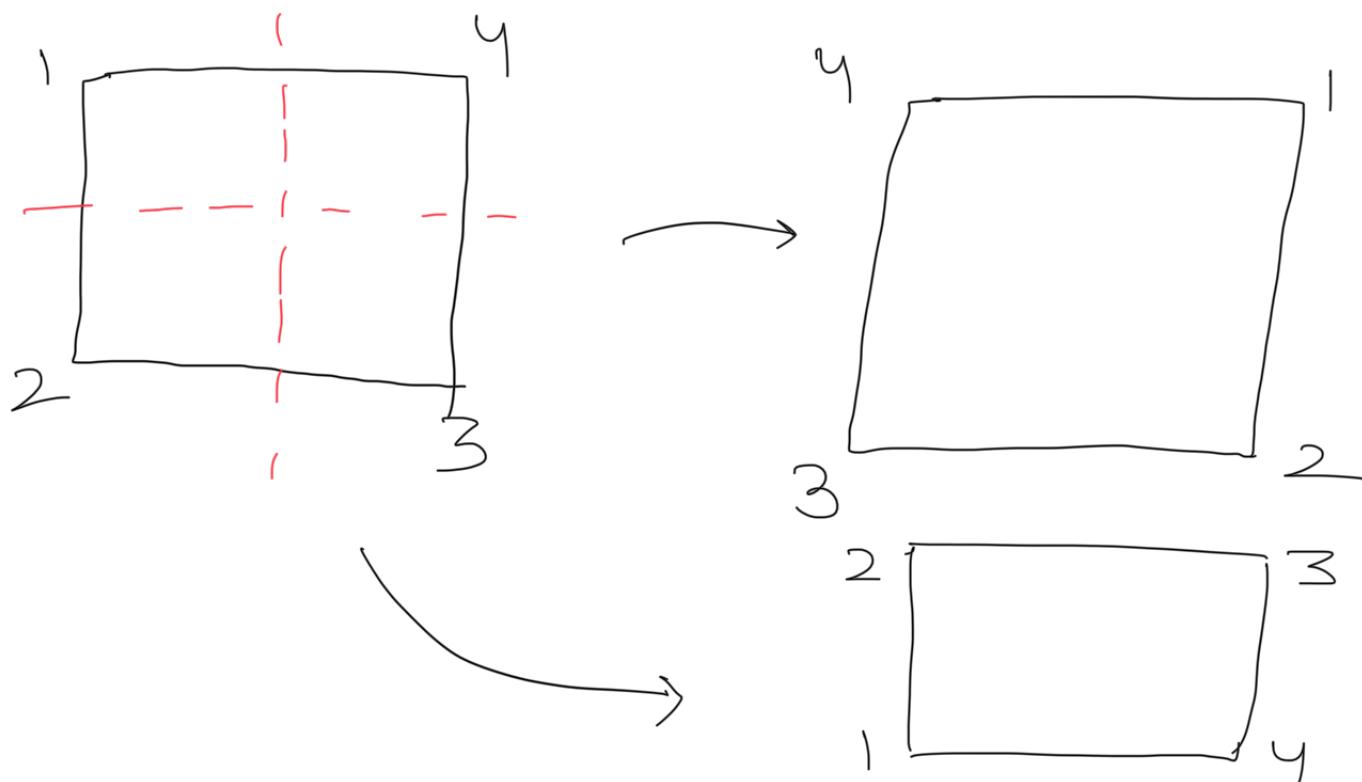
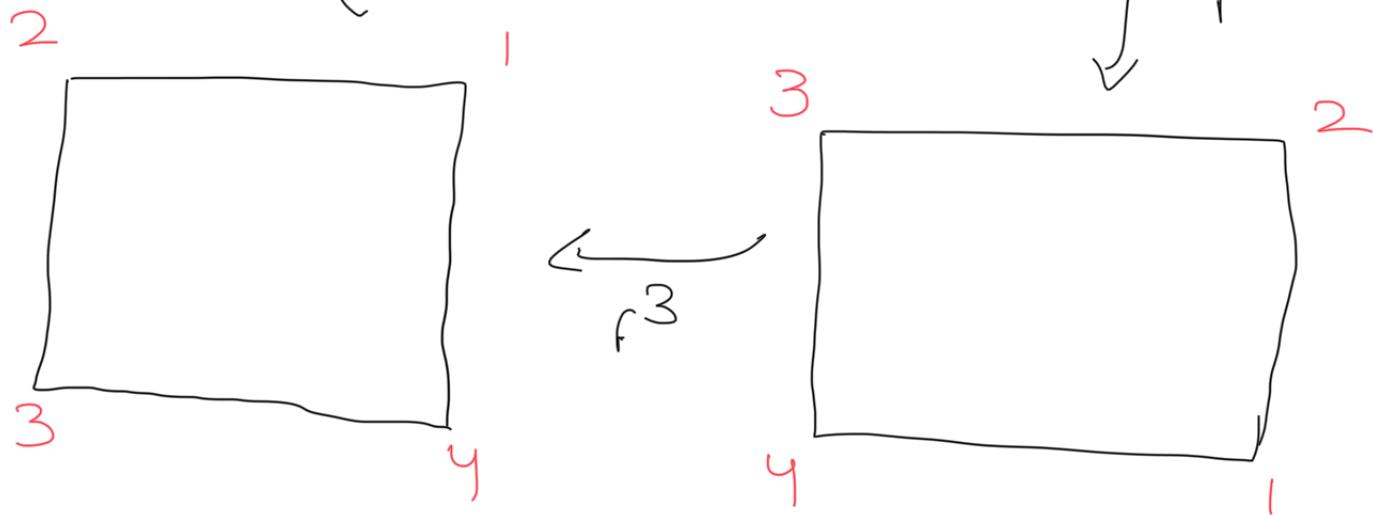
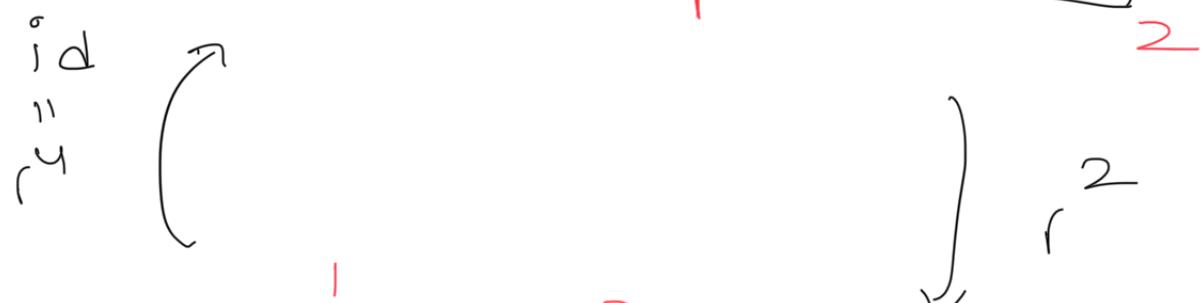
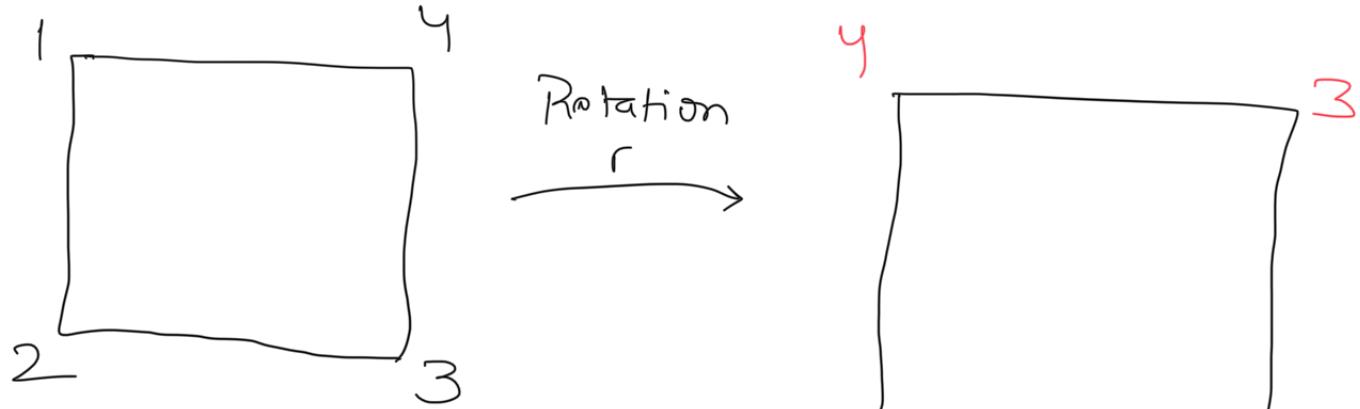
$$S_3 = \{ \text{id}, (12), (13), (23), (123), (132) \}$$

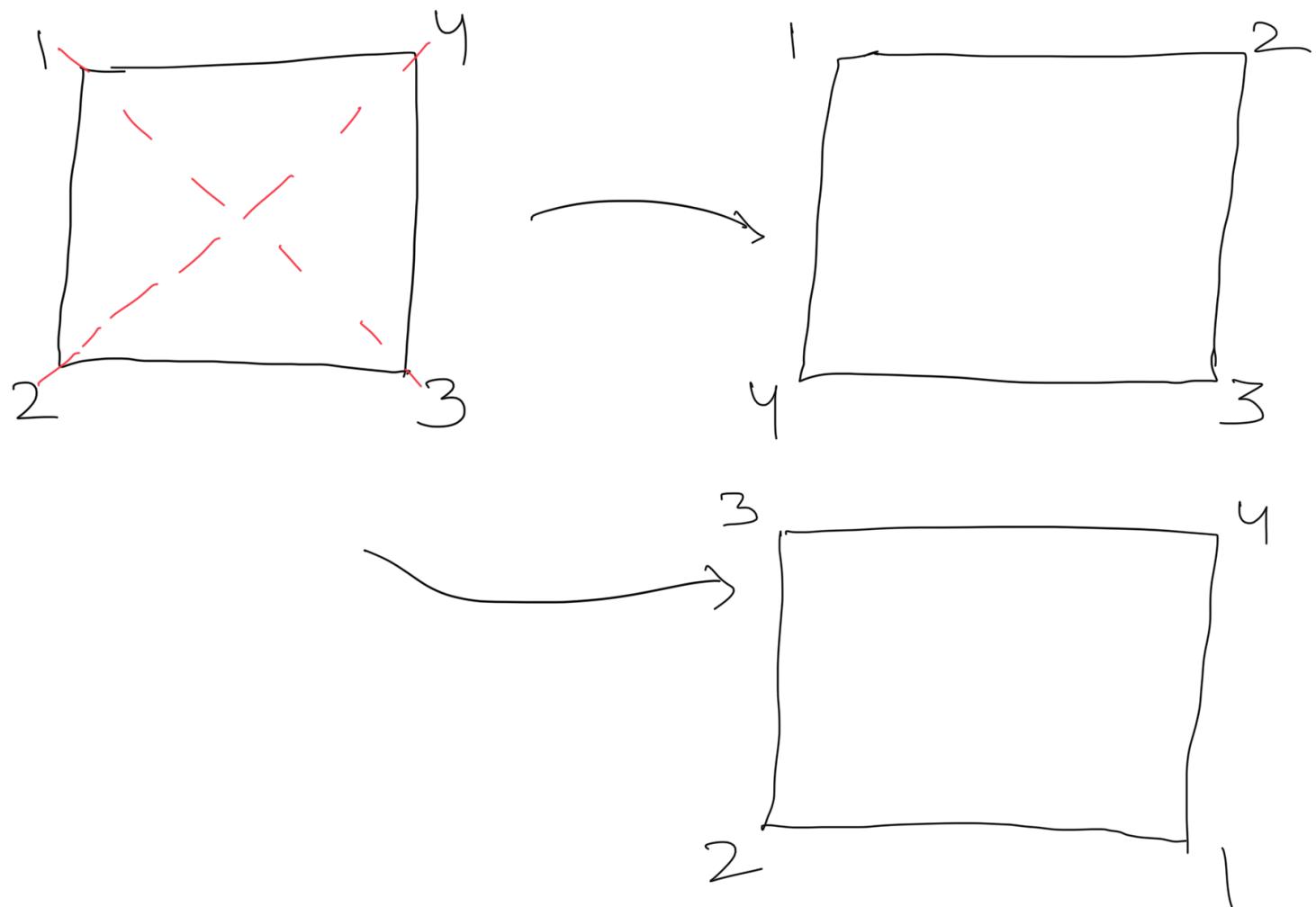
Symmetries of triangle



Remark:  $S_3$  is not symmetries of square, instead  $S_3$  is symmetry group of tetrahedron.

# Symmetries of Square





$$D_8 = \{ \text{id}, (1432), (13)(24), (1234), \\ (14)(23), (12)(34), (24), (13) \}$$

For a regular  $n$ -gon, we denote its Symmetry group by  $D_{2n}$ .

A cycle of length two is called transposition.

Thm: Every cycle can be written as product of transpositions.

Pf: Via induction on length of cycle,  $n$ .

Base Case: If  $n=1$  or  $2$ , nothing to show.

Inductive Step: Assume this is true for all cycles of length  $n-1$ . Suppose  $P$  is a cycle of length  $n$ .

$$P = (a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n)$$

$$P = (\underbrace{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}}) (a_{n-1} a_n)$$

Apply induction

Hence, Proved.

Qn: How many transpositions do we need to write a cycle?

Corollary: Every permutation can be written as product of transpositions.

Signature of a permutation

If  $P$  is a cycle of length  $n$ ,

$$\varepsilon(P) = (-1)^{n-1}$$

If  $P = P_1 P_2 \dots P_K$   $P_i$  cycle

$$\varepsilon(P) = \varepsilon(P_1) \varepsilon(P_2) \dots \varepsilon(P_K)$$

$$\varepsilon: S_n \rightarrow \{\pm 1\}$$

Ques: How is  $\varepsilon(\sigma\tau)$  related to  $\varepsilon(\sigma)$  and  $\varepsilon(\tau)$ ?

$$\left\{ \sigma \in S_n \mid \varepsilon(\sigma) = 1 \right\} := A_n$$

$S_n$  Symmetric group on  $n$ -letters  
 $A_n$  alternating group on  $n$

$$A_3 = \{\text{id}, (123), (132)\}$$

$A_4$  = Set of all orientation preserving  
symmetries

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Towards a definition of groups

Binary operations

Defn: A binary operation on a set  $S$  is a function

$$S \times S \xrightarrow{*} S$$

$$(a, b) \mapsto a * b$$

We will denote  $(S, *)$  to denote the set  $S$  along with binary operation  $*$ .

Examples:  $(\mathbb{N}, \max)$        $\max(a, b)$

$(\mathbb{N}, \cdot)$  ,  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$

$(\mathbb{R}, +)$  ,  $(S_n, \cdot)$

Non-examples:  $(\mathbb{N}, -)$

$(\mathbb{R} - \{0\}, +)$

$(M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$

restriction of binary operation:

$(\mathbb{R}, +) \subseteq (\mathbb{R}, +) \subseteq (\mathbb{C}, +)$

$GL_n(\mathbb{R}) \subseteq (M_{n \times n}(\mathbb{R}), \cdot)$   
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$SL_n(\mathbb{R})$

$(A_n, \cdot) \subseteq (S_n, \cdot)$